WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

HUDCO Loan for Housing in Madhya Pradesh

*241. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether HUDCO has approved a policy to finance over forty-five thousand houses in Madhya Pradesh this year;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the areas where these houses are likely to be built;

(d) what financial assistance is proposed to be provided for the purpose;

(e) whether HUDCO has also agreed to provide loans to individuals to build six thousand houses in the State; and

(f) if so, by when these houses are likely to be completed and the mode of recovery of these loans?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) to (f) At the beginning of every financial year, HUDCO allocates a specific amount to be sanctioned as loan for various housing and related infrastructural development schemes and programmes in each State/Union Territory, keeping in view the area and population of the respective State/Union Territories. HUDCO, as a techno-financial institution, does not fix State-wise targets in terms of number of houses to be financed. The total allocation of HUDCO loans for the year 1988-89 is Rs. 390 crores, out of which Rs. 32.59 crores have been earmarked for Madhya Pradesh. In addition, loan assistance is also provided to regular borrowing agencies for acquisition of land for their future housing projects.

HUDCO has, so far, during the current financial year, sanctioned a loan of Rs. 1.93 crores for three schemes in Madhya Pradesh for the construction of 433 houses and 6905 basic sanitation units, in the towns of Sanchi, Ujjain and Bilaspur.

HUDCO does not provide loan assistance to individuals direct. Individuals can, however, avail themselves of HUDCO loan through States Housing Boards/Development Agencies under the Cash Loan Schemes.

Lifting of Price Control on EC Grades Aluminium

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Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Business Standard of the 24th July, 1988 under the caption 'Price Control on EC Grades Aluminium may be lifted';

(b) if so, what are the considerations which forced Government to lift price control on EC grade aluminium;

(c) whether Government are aware that primary producers of aluminium are likely to increase the prices to have some parity with the already high import prices;

(d) whether Government have conducted any survey with regard to the percentage of indirect burden on consumers since the aluminium